

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~CE~~-consumer electronics system comprising:

- a user feedback device for rendering user-selectable options; and

5 - a user input device for selection of a specific one of the a plurality of options rendered, the user input device comprising:

_____coarse positioning user input means for enabling a user to navigate towards a neighborhood of the specific option in a coarse positioning mode; and

10 _____fine positioning user input means for enabling the user to navigate within the neighborhood of the specific option in a fine positioning mode,

wherein the fine positioning user input means is placed around the coarse positioning user input means in such a way that the fine

15 positioning user input means and the coarse positioning user input means are controllable by a user's thumb.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~CE~~-consumer electronics system of as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fine positioning user input means comprises four or more directional inputs keys.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~CE~~-consumer electronics system of ~~as claimed in claim 31~~, wherein the coarse input means is physically combined with an option selection means for selecting the specific option.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~CE~~-consumer electronics system of ~~as claimed in claim 31~~, wherein the coarse input means comprises at least of one of the following: a touch-pad; an FSR button; a trackerball.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~CE~~-consumer electronics system of ~~as claimed in claim 1~~, wherein the user feedback device comprises a GUI ~~that comprises~~having:

- an on-screen cursor ~~in order to provide~~for providing visual feedback to a user of a current navigation position when using the coarse positioning user input means; and
- _____ a highlighted option ~~to provide~~for providing visual feedback to the user of the current navigation position when using the fine positioning user input means.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~CE~~-consumer electronics system of ~~as claimed in claim 6~~, wherein the coarse positioning input means

is physically combined with an option selection means for selection of the highlighted option.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The CE system of claim 2A~~ consumer electronics system comprising:

a user feedback device for rendering user-selectable options; and

5 a user input device for selection of a specific one of a plurality of options rendered, the user input device comprising:

coarse positioning user input means for enabling a user to navigate towards a neighborhood of the specific option in a coarse positioning mode; and

10 fine positioning user input means for enabling the user to navigate within the neighborhood of the specific option in a fine positioning mode,

wherein the fine positioning user input means comprises four or more directional inputs keys,

15 wherein the coarse positioning input and the fine positioning input means are physically combined into one device,
and wherein the device uses contact time discrimination in order to be able to distinguish between a coarse navigation input mode and a fine navigation input mode.

9. (Currently Amended) A software application stored in a memory of a processor for enabling a user to interact with a ~~CE-~~consumer electronics system under feedback of a rendering of user selectable options, ~~wherein:~~

5 —the software application ~~comprises~~comprising:

— ~~an input for receipt of~~causing said processor to input data representative of a user input associated with user navigation among the user selectable options; and

10 — ~~an output for supplying~~causing said processor to output data representative of a current navigation position relative to the user selectable options rendered;

15 — ~~the said software application having controlling said processor to have a~~ coarse positioning mode ~~to enable~~enabling coarse navigation towards a neighborhood of a specific one of the user selectable options, and

a fine positioning mode to enableenabling navigation within the neighborhood of the specific one of the user selectable options,

20 wherein operation in the coarse positioning mode or in the fine positioning mode is determined by discrimination between respective time intervals representative of respective temporal patterns of the data at the input.

10. (Currently Amended) The software application ~~of as claimed~~
in claim 9, wherein the input data in the fine positioning mode is
representative of a signal from a fine positioning user input means
that comprises four or more directional inputs keys.

11. (Currently Amended) The software application ~~of as claimed~~
in claim 9, for rendering a GUI, and for enabling ~~to~~
~~generate~~generation of an ~~on~~-screen cursor for visual feedback to
a user of a current navigation position in the coarse positioning
5 mode, and a jumping highlight for visual feedback to the user of
the current navigation position in the fine positioning mode.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a user to navigate
among ~~user~~-user-selectable options rendered on a display monitor,
the method comprising the steps:

— enabling the user to provide coarse input data for
5 navigation towards a neighborhood of a specific one of the options
in a coarse navigation mode; and
— enabling the user to provide fine input data for
navigation within the neighborhood of the specific option in a fine
navigation mode; and

- 10 — providing, on the display monitor, a first ~~indicium~~ indicia representative of a current position while navigating in the fine navigation mode and a second ~~indicium~~ indicia representative of the current position while navigating in the coarse navigation mode,
- 15 wherein the method is usable for an input device having combined coarse and the fine input means, whereby contact time discrimination detection is applied for distinguishing between the user's coarse and fine navigation input.

14. (Currently Amended) The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13, wherein the method accepts input data from the fine positioning user input means that comprises four or more directional inputs keys.

15. (Currently Amended) The method ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 13, for use with a GUI and wherein the first ~~indicium~~ indicia comprises an ~~on~~ on-screen cursor and the second ~~indicium~~ indicia comprises a highlight.

16-17. (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) ~~The controller of claim 17A remote~~ controller for control of an indicia rendered on a display monitor

for navigating in a menu of user selectable options rendered on the display monitor, wherein the controller comprises:

5 coarse positioning user input means for enabling a user to navigate towards a neighborhood of the specific option in a coarse positioning mode; and

10 fine positioning user input means for enabling the user to navigate within the neighborhood of the specific option in a fine positioning mode,

wherein the coarse positioning user input means and the fine positioning user input means are positioned on the controller for being conveniently operated by a user's thumb,
 wherein the coarse and the fine positioning user input means are
15 physically integrated with each other in a component,
 and wherein the controller comprises a sensor for measuring contact time of the user uninterruptedly operating the component to distinguish between the coarse positioning mode and the fine positioning mode.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The controller of claim 17A~~ remote controller for control of an indicia rendered on a display monitor for navigating in a menu of user selectable options rendered on the display monitor, wherein the controller comprises:

5 coarse positioning user input means for enabling a user to
navigate towards a neighborhood of the specific option in a coarse
positioning mode; and
fine positioning user input means for enabling the user to
navigate within the neighborhood of the specific option in a fine
10 positioning mode,
wherein the coarse positioning user input means and the
fine positioning user input means are positioned on the controller
for being conveniently operated by a user's thumb, comprising
wherein the controller further comprises option selection
15 user input means for enabling the user to select a specific option
associated with a current position of the ~~indiciu~~-indicia,
and wherein the coarse positioning user input means is
spatially located between the fine positioning user input means and
the option selection user input means.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~The controller of claim 17A~~ remote
controller for control of an indicia rendered on a display monitor
for navigating in a menu of user selectable options rendered on the
display monitor, wherein the controller comprises:

5 coarse positioning user input means for enabling a user to
navigate towards a neighborhood of the specific option in a coarse
positioning mode; and

fine positioning user input means for enabling the user to
navigate within the neighborhood of the specific option in a fine
10 positioning mode,
wherein the coarse positioning user input means and the
fine positioning user input means are positioned on the controller
for being conveniently operated by a user's thumb,
and wherein the fine position user input means is centered
15 around the coarse position user input means.